

## **Statement On The Passing Of The Honorable Griffin Bell**

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U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop issued the following statement after learning of the passing of Griffin Bell, the longtime Judge and former U.S. Attorney General:

“I am deeply saddened by the loss of this great American and public servant. We have lost a true friend and a prominent leader. Griffin Bell’s distinguished service as a civil rights advocate, U.S. attorney general, World War II veteran, and federal courts judge reflects his lifelong commitment to public service and the American people. Throughout his career in public service, he strove to bring people together and resolve differences in a pragmatic manner, and in the process, he made an historic difference.”

“He was certainly a strong influence in my own life. In fact, he was an inspiring mentor to countless numbers of young people over the years. Griffin Bell was looked up to and loved by everyone, and he will be greatly missed.”